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(FY 2022 Appropriation Act – Public Act 87 of 2021)

March 1, 2022

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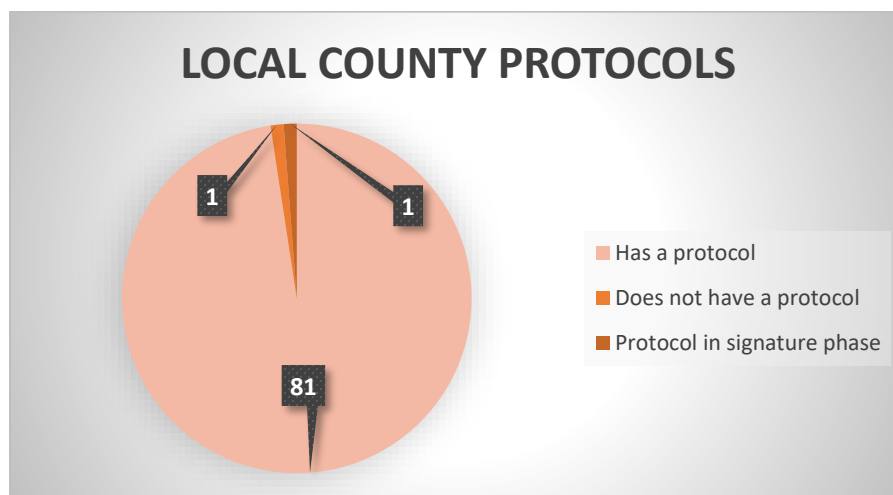


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On November 1, 2021, the department initiated a review to determine whether each county adopted and implemented standard child abuse and neglect investigation and interview protocols as required in the Child Protection Law. Each county was asked to submit their local joint investigation protocols for child abuse and neglect investigations. The Children's Services Agency reviewed each protocol submitted to assess whether it was consistent with MCL 722.628. The department identified counties and prosecuting attorney offices who did not submit a protocol and confirmed the status of the development or implementation of the protocol.

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The following 81 counties have adopted and implemented protocols that meet statutory requirements: Alcona, Alger, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon,

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Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Wexford.

Iron County has a protocol implemented and the department is working towards ensuring protocol is meets statutory requirements.

Montmorency County does not have a protocol in place currently; however, they have initiated a process to develop and implement a county protocol. The department will work with the county to ensure their protocol meets statutory requirements.